



SAND FIRE, APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST

Information Office: 928-333-6263; pager 928-601-8037 Date: April 24, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The Sand Fire is located about 30 miles southwest of Winslow, AZ and about 8 miles northwest of Chevelon Canyon Lake on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. The terrain is relatively flat above numerous canyons.

STARTED: April 22, 2006 **Acres: approx. 1220** **CAUSE:** Human, under investigation **CONTAINED:** 60%

FUELS: The Sand Fire is named after a nearby geographic feature – Sand Point. The fire is burning in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, and juniper vegetation.

SUMMARY: Much lighter wind today and more suppression personnel have resulted in only a 20 acre increase in the size of the fire on Monday. Fire activity was light to moderate throughout the day. Full containment could occur by Tuesday evening.

OBJECTIVES: Crews will continue to improve containment lines and reduce heat adjacent to the fireline.

CONCERNS. Slopes are extremely steep and the terrain in the canyons is not suitable for safe firefighting.

RESOURCES: There are seven hand crews (four Hot Shot or Type 1 crews and three Type II crews); nine engines; five water tenders, two bull dozers, 1 heavy air tanker, two Type 1 or heavy helicopters, two air attack aircraft. A Type III Incident Management Team led by Larry Humphrey assumed management of the Sand Fire at 6:00 pm this evening. A total of 180 personnel are assigned to this incident.

RESTRICTIONS: There are no travel restrictions in place at this time; Forest Road 34 (State Highway 99) is open.

INCIDENT COMMAND POST LOCATION: Black Mesa Ranger District office in Overgaard.